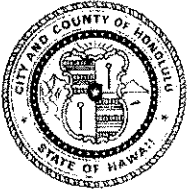


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To: City & County of Honolulu's Affordable Rental Housing Residents

From: Councilman Rod Tam *RZ*
6th Council District (Chinatown/Downtown/Kalihi Valley/Kam
Heights/Alewa Heights/Liliha/Puunui/Nuuanu/Pacific Heights/
Pauoa/Punchbowl/Papakolea/Makiki/Tantalus/Kakaako)

Re: Status Of Existing City & County of Honolulu's Affordable Rental
Housing In Chinatown

Good afternoon residents of Chinatown Gateway Plaza, Harbor Village, Marin Tower, Chinatown Manor, Pauahi Hale and Winston Hale. Thank you for attending today's informational meeting on the status of the existing City & County of Honolulu's affordable rental housing policy and the future of the City's affordable rental housing program in Chinatown.

This meeting is because I recently received a copy of a letter State Representative Beverly Harbin sent to the City's affordable rental housing tenants that Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Asset Management Review Team recommended that the City owned affordable housing properties be sold and I personally received calls of concern. With due respect to Representative Harbin, her letter dated August 23, 2006 is in error. In confirmation with the Mayor's administration no decision has been made to sell the City's affordable housing. The Asset Management Review Team's job is to review the financial program of the City's affordable housing program in order to perpetuate affordable rental housing for the City's residents. I will inform you of the review results following the 30-60 days evaluation process. As the councilman for the Chinatown community, I support you in being able to live in affordable rental housing built by the City. Please be assured that any future selling of the City's affordable rental housing would be based on assuring the permanent existence of the City built affordable rental housing

facilities and enhance management and maintenance of the housing facilities by a non-profit entity. "I would strongly object any sells to a profit entity, especially to Carmel Partners, a profit oriented real estate investment company from California. I propose a land covenant guaranteeing the permanence of existing affordable rental housing land be used only for affordable rental housing if the rental complexes are sold." Furthermore, the sale of any public city property would have to be approved by the City Council through public hearings. Once again, there currently is no formal proposal to sell the City's affordable housing units.

In closing, Mayor Hannemann and I are strongly in favor of the permanent existence of affordable rental housing at Chinsatown Gateway Plaza, Harbor Village, Marin Tower Foster Gardens, Chinatown Manor, Pauahi Hale, and Winston Hale.

In reference to Kukui Gardens Housing Complex, the City is unable to comment on the future permanent existence for affordable rental housing units. Kukui Gardens is privately owned under the regulations of the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The City Council did pass legislative resolutions supporting the perpetual existence of affordable rental housing at Kukui Gardens.

For further clarification, please contact Councilman Rod Tam at 216-5454 (cel.)